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Dear Dr. Stokes -

After years and years of talk, the issue of replacing the LD50 Test finally seems to move in the right direction.

In the light of existing alternatives, the continued use of animals for toxicity tests which are neither reliable nor necessary, since the toxicity of existing chemicals is already well documented, would be unscientific at its core and more important, morally repugnant.

Over the years countless cases (some made public, others not) have made it clear, that no matter how many animals are subjected to the LD50 Test, the validity is at best minimal.

I therefore urge the NIEHS to take the important step of replacing the outdated LD50 Test with in-vitro cell culture tests.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and time,

Sincerely
Harry Hennig